

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The tolling of the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at two o'clock in the afternoon of July 4, 1776, proclaimed the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and,

Whereas, The adoption of this historic document marked the birth of the United States of America as a free and independent nation; and,

Whereas, It is fitting that the anniversary of this great event should be appropriately observed each year at the same moment throughout the United States; and,

Whereas, The Congress of the United States resolved in 1963 that the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence should be observed each year by the ringing of bells throughout the United States at 2:00 p.m., eastern daylight time, on the 4th of July, or at such time as determined by local authority:

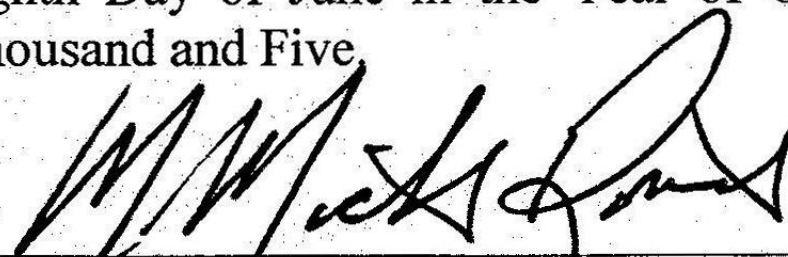
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 4, 2005, as

NATIONAL BELL RINGING CEREMONY


LET FREEDOM RING DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

